GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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POST OFFICES IN KUTCH
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of post offices/ sub-post offices were destroyed / damaged in the earthquake in the district of Kutch;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) the number of such post offices/sub-post offices repaired/reconstructed and started normal functioning; and

(d) the time by which the remaining Post Offices / sub post offices are likely to be repaired/reconstructed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a)&(b) Sir, 45 out of 67 Post Offices buildings − 13 departmental and 32 rented buildings − were damaged in the earthquake in the district of Kutch.

(c)&(d) Repair work of departmental buildings was taken up in a phased manner. Till date, out of 13 departmental buildings, 10 buildings have been repaired completely and one is under repair. Pre- fabricated structures have been provided for the remaining 2 Post Office buildings. Repairsto the rented buildings are to be undertaken by landlords. However, the department has provided pre-fabricated structures in respect of 8 badly damaged rented buildings. Normal postal services have been restored in the earthquake affected Kutch district.